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SUBJECT: SOVIET ANTARCTIC FISHING: ANTARCTIC TREATY

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1. IN VIEW OF CHRISTMAS/SUMMER VACATION SEASON EMBASSY
PASSED REQUESTED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY LETTER TO
RICHARD SMITH, FAS, LEGAL AND TREATIES DIVISION, DFA. WE
HAVE JUST NOW RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPLY:

"UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE NOT ABLE TO OFFER VERY MUCH AT ALL.
WE KNOW THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE LANDED SMALL QUANTITIES OF
KRILL, AND LARGER QUANTITIES OF SOUTHERN BLUE WHITING,
ANTARCTIC COD AND ICE FISH AT A FACTORY IN SINGAPORE IN
WHICH AN AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HAS AN INTEREST. IT IS
BELIEVED THESE WERE CAUGHT IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC.
THE SINGAPORE FACTORY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SELLING
THESE PRODUCTS TO EUROPE BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE
PRICE PAID TO THE SOVIETS IS BASED ON A REALISTIC COST

OF PRODUCTION.

"APART FROM THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON SOVIET
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FISHING ACTIVITY OR PLANS OTHER THAN THAT AVAILABLE IN
WORLD FISHERIES LITERATURE OR PASSED TO US ON A
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FROM UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE
SOURCES.

"I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FISHERIES DIVISION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY ON THIS. THEY WERE

LOOKING INTO THE QUESTIONS INDEPENDENTLY AFTER RECEIVING
A COPY OF YOUR LETTER."

2. SMITH CONFIRMED THAT FISHERIES DIVISION DID NOT HAVE
ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT THIS TIME, NOR WAS IT SANGUINE
ABOUT BEING ABLE TO OBTAIN MORE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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